

Miscellaneous Streams Waste Discharge Permit

The Washington State Department of Ecology invites you to comment on a proposed state waste discharge permit for miscellaneous streams at the Hanford Site in south-central Washington. The draft permit is available for your review.

This permit consolidates four previous permits into one. The formal name of this permit is “Categorical State Waste Discharge Permit ST0004511.”

What are “miscellaneous streams?”

Miscellaneous streams include liquids from the following:

- Construction.
- Maintenance.
- Cooling.
- Fire suppression.
- Industrial stormwater.
- Hydrotesting.

What does the permit cover?

The permit exists to control the discharge of wastewater streams on the Hanford Site. Ecology’s main concern is to prohibit practices that could increase, move, or spread groundwater contamination.

Permit conditions include discharge limitations, source water limitations, pollution prevention, and best management practice requirements. The permit fact sheet includes more information on how this permit came about and the kinds of wastes it covers.



The permit covers water discharges from across the Hanford Site, in areas related to the Department of Energy’s cleanup mission. It does not cover leased areas or those managed by other agencies.

WHY IT MATTERS

Though Hanford has many more complex and dangerous wastes to manage, even the routine waste water from common industrial sources must be managed in a way that protects the environment.

Public Comment Period

December 17, 2012, through
February 1, 2013

To submit comments or request a public hearing, contact (in writing):

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Document Review Locations:

Nuclear Waste Program website
www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commitmentperiods.htm

Public Information Repositories (see page 2 for locations and contact information.)

Tips on Effective Commenting

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Will there be a public hearing? We don't have one scheduled, but if we get requests (see sidebar on page 1), we may reconsider.

What's next? When the comment period closes, we will consider the comments received and revise the permit if needed. Then we will issue the final permit and a response to comments. The permit's fact sheet describes the appeal process. The permit will be in effect for five years.

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